

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 6, 35, 60 and 88, amended Claims 42 and 101 and added Claims 113-115. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Thus, Claims 1-5, 7-34, 36-59, 61-87 and 89-115 remain pending in this application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed December 17, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Drawing Objections

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). More specifically the Examiner asserts that the permissions and XML over SOAP protocol must be shown in the drawings. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that a drawing depicting the permissions and XML over SOAP protocol are not necessary for the "the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." (See 35 U.S.C. 113, MPEP 6101.01(f)) The use of permissions and the XML over SOAP protocol are well understood by those of ordinary skill in the art, and as they are well understood by those of ordinary skill in the art, a depiction of neither permissions nor the XML over SOAP protocol in a drawing is necessary for an understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented.

Applicant further submits that portions of the Specification are drawn to a method for incorporating or enabling an RPS module. For example, pages 18-20 of the Specification describe a method of incorporating and providing RPS modules to a portal server. MPEP 601.01(f) notes that the USPTO "treat[s] an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for the understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113" Applicant submits that because the Specification contains a written description of a method (among other things), and that the use of permissions and XML over SOAP protocol would be understood by one of skill in the art without reference to a drawing, the depiction of permissions and the XML over SOAP protocol is not necessary to the

understanding of the invention and accordingly they do not have to be depicted in the drawings. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. More specifically the Examiner states that there is insufficient antecedent basis in the specification and drawings of a "type identifier". As Applicant has cancelled Claims 6, 35, 60 and 88, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection is now moot and respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Objections

Claims 42 and 101 stands currently objected to. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his suggestions, and has modified Claims 42 and 101 accordingly. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments and respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 42 and 101 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended Claims 42 and 101. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments render this rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-112 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,643,661 ("Polizzi"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent Claims 1, 30, 59, 69, 87, 96

Independent Claim 1 recites a method for providing RPS modules, comprising enabling a Remote Portal Service (RPS) module and incorporating the RPS module into a networked portal server. Independent Claims, 30, 59, 69, 87 and 96 recite similar limitations.

Thus, the invention of Claim 1 is operable to present a portal to a user. This portal may include a set of modules generated by a portal server which are operable to expose content from different sources to a user of the portal. One or more of these modules may be an RPS module. An RPS module exposes data from a remote service in the portal. A remote service is an application, content or services located or executing on a computer or system remote from the computer implementing the portal or the portal system (See Page 19, Lines 1-5). These remote applications, content, services etc. generate data, content etc at the remote computer. This data, content, etc. is then communicated to the portal server implementing the portal. This data or content can then be exposed to the user in the portal in the RPS Module. Consequently, remote services may be exposed or presented to a user by a portal system without the installation, or integration into the portal system, of software specific to the remote applications, content or services themselves.

In contrast, Polizzi discloses a portal system designed to present data to a user in an object called a portal page. This portal system includes a computer memory device called a repository. The portal page that may be comprised of a plurality of modules called portal objects. Each of the portal objects of the portal system of Polizzi may contain a set of links corresponding to output reports, jobs or other objects stored with the repository. These portal objects may include a dynamically updated portal object. A dynamically updated portal object is updated on the portal page based on data stored in the portal system. (See, Polizzi Col. 2, Lines 12-50) Thus, Polizzi presents a portal system capable of presenting a collection of portal objects to a user on a portal page, where these portal objects correspond to output reports or other objects stored in the repository.

More specifically, after reviewing the portion of Polizzi cited by the Examiner, Applicant cannot find where Polizzi discloses enabling an RPS module or incorporating this RPS module into a networked portal server. The portion of Polizzi cited by the Examiner, in contrast, discloses that a user may customize his personal portal page by adding objects in the repository to his favorites, and utilizing forms for a user to provide input to jobs in the repository.

As Polizzi discloses a portal system for presenting objects within the portal system to a user, Polizzi does not disclose enabling a RPS module, or incorporating the RPS module into a networked portal server, because, as explained above, an RPS module exposes data from a remote service in the portal. A remote service is an application, content or services located or executing on a computer or system remote from the computer implementing the portal or the

portal system. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested. Additionally, as independent Claims 30, 59, 69, 87, 96 recite similar limitations as Claim 1 the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested as well.

Dependent Claims 2-5, 7-29, 31-34, 36-58, 61-68, 70-86, 89-95 and 97-112

As dependent Claims 2-5, 7-29, 31-34, 36-58, 61-68, 70-86, 89-95 and 97-112 are further limitations on independent Claims 1, 20, 59, 69, 87 or 96, Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments above presented with respect to Independent Claims 1, 30, 59, 69, 87 and 96 apply equally well to these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-5, 7-29, 31-34, 36-58, 61-68, 70-86, 89-95 and 97-112.

New Claims 113-115

Applicant has added new Claims 113-115 to more distinctly point out and claim the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these claims, and that Claims 113-115 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

IDS REFERENCES

Consideration of References Cited in IDS

The Applicant filed an information disclosure statement (IDS) in the present application on November 9, 2004 and an additional IDS on December 7, 2004. The Applicant notes that the Office Action was not accompanied by a copy of the listing of references (Form PTO-1449) submitted with this IDS, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the references cited therein were considered. Applicant understands that the Examiner may not have had time to consider these references before issuing the Office Action. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in this IDS and forward a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to the Applicant.

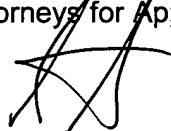
CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-5, 7-34, 36-59, 61-87 and 89-115. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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